

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Del Ray Business Association has devoted over forty-five years to representing its business members and working with the City and surrounding neighborhood civic associations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Del Ray Business Association is a dedicated group which continues working to ensure that Del Ray is a thriving residential and commercial community in Alexandria; and

**WHEREAS**, the Del Ray Business Association considers this an important event for the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Del Ray Business Association and DC Road Runners are celebrating the 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its annual five-mile “Turkey Trot” Road Race on Thanksgiving Day, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in Del Ray, Alexandria, Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, in celebration of our upcoming 50th Anniversary in 2025, we look forward to announcing efforts to locate and recognize those who participated in the Turkey Trot from the early years and in collecting any other fun historical facts from the past 49 years; and

**WHEREAS**, this event results in both a financial donation and the collection of a sizeable quantity of food for distribution to those in need by ALIVE!, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, over six thousand road runners from all parts of the metropolitan area, the United States, as well as from around the world, participate yearly in this great event.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. WILSON**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize November 28, 2024, as:

### **“DEL RAY ‘TURKEY TROT’ DAY”**

in the City of Alexandria and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

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**MAYOR JUSTIN M. WILSON**  
On behalf of the City Council  
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

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Gloria A. Sitton, CMC    City Clerk